

Person / Job Specification – Learning Through Horses Programme Volunteer

Required Experience:

- A clear up to date enhanced DBS check (we can run this if not already held)
- Experience owning or working with horses
- All volunteers assisting with programmes must pass an assessment with one of the 2 lead equine specialists to ensure they are competent in:
 - Handling horses safely
 - Reading horse body language and showing the ability to assess potentially risky behaviour and intervening appropriately
 - Undertaking stable management chores including mucking out, grooming, basic equine first aid

Job Responsibilities:

- Help the Programme Staff to prepare and set up the space for Learning Through Horses sessions. This includes:
 - Checking the barn and arena are ready for the session and carrying out a brief risk assessment (checking for sharp items left out, any dangerous objects / mess that could cause a hazard and in the case of more complex need groups removing any other hazards identified as a potential risk to the students by the referring organisation)
- Supporting the running of the session, including:
 - Keeping constant watch for any health and safety issues to keep clients safe
 - Supporting the students to complete stable management and horse training tasks
 - Following instructions given by the programme staff and feeding back any concerns you may have to the Programme Lead
- Post-session admin, including:
 - Before leaving the yard, assist the programme staff in ensuring all spaces are tidy and clean including the barn which should be swept, the arena cleared and poo picked and the kitchen space is tidy and all washing up is done
 - Report any safeguarding or health and safety concerns from the session to the Programme Lead
 - Report any concerns about the behaviour or wellbeing of the horses to the Programme Lead